(*c*) whether there was any budget provision in 1120 for widening and recoating the Colachel-Rajakkamangalam road in 11 to 15 miles; and

(*d*) whether this work has been taken up and completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) In 1936.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Arumana-Panachamood trace.

318. * **MR. D. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a budget provision in 1120 for converting Arumana-Panachamood trace 4 to 6 miles into a cart road;

(*b*) if so, whether the work has been executed; and

(*c*) if not, why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) As sanction has to be obtained for a revised estimate.

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member how long it is since sanction was sought for the revised estimate?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The estimate is very old. It is being revised just now. It was only recently brought up again and is being revised.

Kappil and Akathumuri Railway Stations.

319. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Neyyatiinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for abolishing the Kappil and Akathumuri Railway Stations?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): These stations were closed down temporarily at the instance of the Railway Board of the Government of India with a view to relieving the situation arising out of the scarcity of coal.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the Railway Board wanted these particular railway stations or whether they wanted any of the stations to be closed?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: These two particular stations also. It is the general programme of the Railway Company.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether an order has been passed for the demolition of the station buildings?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government have addressed the Railway Company to retain them.

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